गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) प्रचलित कलैंडर प्रणाली की विविधता में एकरूपता और विशुद्धता लाने के लिए शक संवत अपनाया गया था ।

(ख) एक चैत्र, 1979 शक के अनुरूप 22 मार्च, 1957.

(ग) शक संवत्, जिसको राष्ट्रीय कलैन्डर के लिए अपनाया गया है, का ग्रेगरी कलैण्डर के साथ विशेष शासकीय प्रयोजनों के लिए प्रयोग किया जाता है। जब तक कोई नया विश्व कलैन्डर सामान्यत: स्वीकार और लागू नहीं किया जाता तब तक शासकीय प्रयोजनों के लिए अन्य देशों में प्रचलित ग्रेगरी कलैन्डर का प्रयोग रखना आवश्यक है ताकि भ्रांति उत्पन्न न हो ।

Sale of land to Foreigners in Rishikesh

1679. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* on the 3rd July, 1984 about the involvement of some officials of his Ministry in the sale of land to foreigners in Rishikesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken aganist the concerned officers of the Home Ministry and officials of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Rishikesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) There was no allegation in the news about involvement of officials of Ministry of Home Affairs in the purchase of land by Sri Durga Mandir Omkarananda Ashram. Muniki-Reti, whose affairs are reportedly being looked after by a Committee of five members, four of whom are Indians. No land was purchased by any foreigner in his name. Four foreign disciples of Swami Omkarananda, who is in Switzerland, have been permitted to extend their stay till 30th September, 1984 for the present, in connection with the activities at Sri Durga Mandir. They have not come to any adverse notice. The question of taking action aganist any officials does not arise

Foreigners arrested in Punjab

1680. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreigners had been found and arrested among the terrorists in th the recent army operation in Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b) 38 arrested persons have been identified as foreigners so far.

Punjab extremists escaping to Pakistan

1681. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item

which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 30th June, 1984 to the effect that Punjab extremist escape to Pakistan from the border areas of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the circumstances under which they were allowed to get away;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to keep a watch on the border to stop such escape of extremists and apprehend them; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) to (d) Government are aware of the news item. Government had received information that a group of Sikhs had slipped across to Pakistan from the border areas of Poonch in the Jammu Region. Patrolling in this area has been further intensified and security measures tightened.

Thirty Sikhs arrested while crossing over from Pakistan

1682. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of the 30th June, 1984 to the effect that a group of thirty Sikhs while crossing over from Pakistan were arrested in Ganganagar in Rajasthan in June last;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) Government have seen the news-item.

(b) the Government of Rajasthan have informed that no such group was arrested in Ganganagar district.

(c) Does not arise.

Insurgents and Smugglers coming from Burma

1683. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in a section of the press on the 23rd June, 1984 to the effect that insurgents and smugglers were coming to India freely from Burma;

(b) whether it is a fact that during Burman's Foreign Minister's recent visit to Indian this subject was not taken up by the Government of India;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to check insurgents and smugglers coming freely from Burma?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Since the name of newspaper has not been mentioned, the particular news item could not be ascertained. However, the Government have information about some insurgents and smugglers coming to India from Burma.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Security Forces in adequate strength are developed along Indo-Burma to check infiltration/ex-fil ra-of the insurgents and other illegal trans border movement. The Customs field forma ions on the Indo-Burma border are keeping constant vigil. Approporiate anti-smuggling measures are taken in coordination by the concerned Central and State Government authorities.